

**16 KAR 9:010. Professional certificate for exceptional work experience, limited to secondary education.**

RELATES TO: KRS 161.028, 161.030, 161.048

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.028, 161.030, 161.048

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.048 establishes the eligibility requirements for a candidate seeking to participate in an alternative teacher preparation program. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for issuance and renewal of a professional certificate for secondary education based on exceptional work experience.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Exceptional work experience" means a person with recognized superiority as compared with others in rank, status, and attainment or superior knowledge and skill in comparison with the generally accepted standards in the area in which certification is sought.

(2) "Secondary education" means the area in which certification is sought in a subject taught in grades 9 - 12 in a Kentucky school.

Section 2. Verification of exceptional qualifications of an applicant for certification, in a field of endeavor taught or service practiced in a public school of Kentucky, shall include:

(1) Sufficient documentation that demonstrates to the local school district and the Education Professional Standards Board that an applicant is one who has exceptional work experience as defined in Section 1 of this administrative regulation and has talents and abilities commensurate with the new teacher standards, established in 16 KAR 1:010;

(2) Documentation of achievement that may include advanced degrees earned, distinguished employment, evidence of related study or experience, publications, professional achievement, or recognition attained for contributions to an applicant's field of endeavor; and

(3) Recommendations from professional associations, former employers, professional colleagues, or any other individual or group whose evaluations shall support exceptional work in the field.

Section 3. Certification Requirements. An eligible candidate who meets the requirements of KRS 161.048(1) and character and fitness review established in KRS 161.040 shall be issued the provisional certificate, limited to secondary education and valid for one (1) year. Upon successful completion of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program as established in KRS 161.030(5) to (8), the professional certificate, limited to secondary education, shall be issued and shall be valid for an additional four (4) years.

Section 4. Renewal Requirements. Each five (5) year renewal of the professional certificate identified in Section 3 of this administrative regulation shall meet the renewal requirements established in 16 KAR 4:060. (25 Ky.R. 1283; Am. 1602; eff. 1-19-99; recodified from 704 KAR 20:720, 7-2-2002.)